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Suffering cats!

You probably saw the photograph we carried on page one of the China Mail on Tuesday. It showed "Topsy," a black cat, posing before a drawing she had executed in charcoal, which her owner, Dr. George Cooper, titled "Man riding a horse," and placed it on show in Foyles of Charing Cross-road. Now we should be the last to claim that Topsy's achievement is not superior both in composition and design to most stuff which passes under the moniker of Art, but quite frankly, what we object to is the smug self-satisfied expression on Topsy's face.

Maybe her drawing is good. Maybe Sir Albert Richardson (past president of the Royal Academy) is going to commend Topsy on her work. Perhaps she's going to put up for membership, but all the same, we consider that the supercilious, insufferable air of condescension she wears as she poses for her photograph, ill becomes her.

Now you might think that we ourselves are rather intolerant, that "we have it in for cats," as they say, but such is not the case.

We have three cats on the strength of the China Mail, and every now and again, that number is augmented. We do not complain. The cats have first choice of desks, they sleep in the cable baskets. They have first pickings at luncheon. None disputes their right to do so, but we are all getting a little tired of their superior airs and their graceless acceptance of gifts, as tribute brought by creatures of grosser clay.

Has anyone in the office ever heard one of our cats say "thank you"? And even when we delay our work until the last moment for fear of waking one of the lazy layabouts, and try to lift them from a script we have been working on, all we are greeted with are oaths, and... well... language that ill becomes a member of our honourable and venerable paper.

We can put up even with that treatment. In fact, custom has staled our responses to such treatment. But what we cannot tolerate is their disdainful attitude whenever we have a piece of writing to perform.

DIRECTLY, we place a sheet of copy paper in the typewriter, one or other of the cats leaps onto the desk and starts staring at the blank sheet, and then deliberately curves its mouth with scorn as the words begin to build up. You know from your own experience what it was like to have the headmaster staring over your shoulder as you tried to write an essay; imagine... our lot to be stared at by a cat, every time we try to write.

Then... having finished our work, and reading the copy back, the cat stands up, walks all over our work, does a few hand springs, then... then... hoists its tail contemptuously, and walks off.

Quite frankly, it is getting us down. We are unable even to put out a poster without the cat, lining up, and giving it the OK before it is allowed out on the streets. They've got anti-cat stories, and, "if you want to know, it was the office cats who did Topsy's portrait had to go on page one. Cats!" Well, creatures. Arrogant, haughty, pom-pous brats. Who do they think they are?

# Moscow seeks improved relations with U.S. BID FOR COLD WAR 'THAW'

*Soviet envoys  
show courtesy  
to Ike's men*

Washington, Jan. 11.

The Soviet Union has undertaken an important if discreet series of contacts and conversations aimed at bringing about a rapid "thaw" in American-Soviet relations as soon as the new Democratic administration takes office on January 20.

Soviet diplomats in Washington, while maintaining an attitude of extreme reserve regarding President Eisenhower and his administration, have shown signs of marked courtesy in its last dealings with the outgoing Republicans.

Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Menshikov had a serious, calm and courteous talk on Tuesday with Secretary of State Christian Herter on the Laos crisis. Although Mr Menshikov repeated the Soviet position on the crisis he also affirmed that the aircraft bringing aid to the pro-Communist forces were not Soviet.

The Soviet preparations for establishing a new Soviet-U.S. "climate" do not yet involve specific proposals for settling outstanding issues. The preparations appeared to be aimed

mainly at showing understanding for President-elect John Kennedy and his administration. Sources here reported that Moscow is perfectly aware that it would be impossible for Mr Kennedy and his advisors to be ready before several months to engage in negotiations on any of the great international problems.

But these sources said, the Soviet Government would like to start some kind of an international discussion fairly soon.

## Shared desire

This desire was shared by important members of the new American Cabinet.

The same sources reported that Moscow contemplated three stages on the road to reaching serious negotiations and a situation in which a summit conference would be possible.

★ An exchange of envoys between the two national leaders.

The resumption in Geneva in February of the four power conference on halting nuclear tests. Mr Kennedy was known to be extremely anxious to achieve some concrete results in this field. The February conference will be the first meeting of Soviet delegates with representatives of the new administration.

★ The second session of the UN General Assembly in New York during which disarmament was expected to be discussed.

Soviet circles here make no attempt to hide the fact that the coming assembly session will be a testing ground and that Mr Khrushchev would like to attend personally.

The dead were John Pledger, 40, a uniformed guard, who took his own life at the end of his shooting spree. Pledger's estranged wife, Zelma, 32, and Dr Monroe G. Gregory, 50, of Annapolis, Maryland.

The wounded were Augustus Valentine, 37, of Washington, a co-worker of Zelma Pledger, reported in critical condition, and Theodore Wolls, 38, Washington, an employee in the same office.

## PASSED PATIENTS

Police reported the chain of shootings started when Pledger, wearing his blue guard's uniform and carrying two guns walked into his wife's office and began shooting.

She was killed and her two co-workers were wounded.

After this, police said, Pledger got into his car and drove to Dr Gregory's office.

Inspector Joseph Shlomo said Pledger walked through the reception room, passed two waiting patients and a cleaning woman, and entered the treatment room.

Police believe there was a scuffle between Dr Gregory and Pledger before the physician was shot and killed.—AP.

## POLARIS MISSILE OUT OF CONTROL

Capo Canaveral, Jan. 11.

A Polaris missile, launched from underwater, went out of control and exploded in flight today.

It left the compressed air tubes of the nuclear submarine Robert E. Lee perfectly and streaked towards a target 1,000 miles down range in the Atlantic testing grounds.

Suddenly it angled over, then plunged seawards, exploding on its way down.

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Robert E. Lee last December was successful.

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the target when it became

malfunction.

Cause of the trouble was not disclosed.—Reuters.

## TEMPERATURE AT WINTER LOW

Hongkong experienced the lowest temperature this winter when the mercury dropped to 47.1 degrees Fahrenheit at 7.30 this morning.

The new low in temperature was brought about by the fresh surge of cold winter monsoon which reached Hongkong on the night of Tuesday, Wednesday.

The Colony is now in the wake of the cold wave but the temperature is unlikely to fall any further than the minimum reached this morning.

On the contrary, a spokesman for the Royal Observatory said, it will gradually rise in the next two or three days until the cold spell ends over the cold spell.

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## Alexandra and Sirikit in Switzerland



Princess Alexandra and Queen Sirikit of Siam, at Gstaad, where the princess has been having her first ski lessons.—Express photo.

## WAVE OF BOMB EXPLOSIONS IN THE YEMEN

Allied diplomats reported today a wave of bomb explosions has swept isolated Yemen with King Ahmed himself the target of some attacks.



London, Jan. 11.

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reform with Aden chiefs two weeks ago to see if anything could be done.

He is back in Taiz and the signs are that the Aden colonial authorities may expel any Yemenis suspected of complicity in the murder plots.

For about two years now the aging, ailing Ahmed has had to face mounting demands for reforming his feudal system of rule. Some of his opponents have sheltered under the wing of Crown Prince Salif al Islam Mohammed al Badr, who, more than once, clashed directly with his father.

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# New York stocks steady

## COMMODITY PRICES

### COTTON

NEW YORK  
Closing prices all in cents per lb.:  
Spot 32.25; Mar. 32.00; May 32.51;  
July 32.90; Oct. 33.50; Dec. 33.63;  
Mar. 33.90; May 33.90; July 33.71.

NEW ORLEANS  
Closing prices all in cents per lb.:  
Spot 29.05; Mar. 31.00; July 22.50;  
July 32.95; Oct. 33.32; Dec. 33.03;  
Mar. 33.90; May 33.90; July 33.60.

### LIVERPOOL

Closing prices all in pence per lb.:  
American Contract Mar. 22.25; May 22.30; July 22.60;  
Oct. 23.00; Dec. 24.00.

### Mixed Contract

Mar. 23.25; May 23.60; July 24.20;  
Oct. 24.25; Dec. 24.25.—UPI.

### RUBBER

NEW YORK  
Rex rubber futures closing prices, all in cents per lb.:  
Jan. 29.00  
Feb. 29.25  
Mar. 29.23  
July 29.15  
Sept. 29.20  
Nov. 29.05

### SINGAPORE

Closing prices, all in Straits cents per lb. f.o.b. Malayan ports:  
No. 1 Jan. 834-840  
Feb. 834-840  
Mar. 834-834  
No. 2 Jan. 834-834  
No. 3 Jan. 834-834  
No. 4 Jan. 834-834  
Spot rubber unbaled 834-834  
Blanket crepe 834-840  
No. 1 pale crepe 834-834

### LONDON

Closing prices, all in sterling per kg. 40s.:  
Buyers' Sellers

### METALS

Closing prices, all in cents per lb.:  
Jan. 29.00  
Feb. 29.25  
Mar. 29.23  
July 29.15  
Sept. 29.20  
Nov. 29.05

### LONDON

Closing prices, all in sterling per kg. 40s.:  
Buyers' Sellers

### PI-ORIENT LINES

## EMBARKATION NOTICE

### R.M.S. "CARTHAGE"

for UNITED KINGDOM via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ-PORT SAID.

**EMBARKATION:** The ship will be berthed at No. 1 Pier, Kowloon Wharf. Passengers should embark between 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Friday, 13th January, 1961.

**SAILS:** The ship is expected to sail at 5.00 p.m. on Friday, 13th January, 1961.

**BAGGAGE:** Should be sent to the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Co.'s Godown (No. 2 Gate), Canton Road, between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on 12th January, 1961.

### SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### Agents:

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.  
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Telephone: 35211/9.

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## EMBARKATION NOTICE

### R.M.S. "CHUSAN"

for YOKOHAMA, SHIMIZU, KOBE, and HONG KONG.

**EMBARKATION:** The ship will be berthed at No. 2 Pier, Kowloon Wharf. Passengers should embark between 3.00 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Saturday, 14th January, 1961.

**SAILS:** The ship is expected to sail at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday, 14th January, 1961.

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New York, Jan. 11.  
The stock market was fairly steady today. Trading was moderately active.

Johnson and Johnson spurred 5% gains following news of its development of new surgical gauze. Endicott Johnson, lighting to prevent late-over by Glen Alden, dropped around 27.

Gates also ran more than one point in Aldens Inc., Interstate Department Stores, National City Lines, Continental Oil and Coca Cola bottling.

Universal Match rose over a point in the vending. Beckman climbed more than two in the electronics. Martin gained one in the defence issues. Campbell Soup lost two in the foods. Thiel and Nopco added around one in the chemicals, and IBM gained around 2½ points in the business machines.

Union Carbide fell 1½ and Procter and Gamble gained the same amount to record some of the few major changes among the big industrial issues. Motors and steel moved in a narrow range.

Today's volume was 4,370,000 shares.

Of a total 1,271 shares traded 600 were higher and 440 lower.

American exchange volume was 1,570,000 shares. Bonds volume amounted to \$8,570,000.

Dow-Jones closing averages were:

30 Industrials 827.21  
20 Rolls 138.63  
15 Utilities 101.78  
65 Stocks 211.29  
49 Bonds 84.92  
Comp. future price index 142.24  
—UPI.

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Singapore (Straits) 15.82

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**Cuban Reds sell sugar at lower prices**

New York, Jan. 11.  
The Communists have begun unloading Cuban raw sugar at prices well below Cuba's official minimum export price, U.S. dealers reported today.

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# BELGIAN LEADERS BID TO END STRIKE

Brussels, Jan. 11. Presidents of the three leading Belgian parties, Catholic, Liberal and Socialists met behind closed doors with Mr Gaston Eyskens, the Prime Minister, today in an effort to end the strike which has dislocated the country for more than three weeks.

"The thaw is developing", a well-informed source told Reuter. "Things are moving on".

A high Socialist source said some leaders of his party were strongly hoping for a "conference of public safety" representing government, opposition, trade unions and employers, to settle the strike.

A preliminary three-party conference was followed by a more formal meeting of the three presidents — Mr Leo Collard, Socialist; Mr Théodore Lefèvre, Catholic; and Mr Auger Motz.

## DRAMATIC APPEAL

Last night Mr. Chill Van Acker, 73-year-old Socialist former prime minister, made a dramatic "appeal for negotiation" which he coupled with an amendment to the government's austerity bill.

The amendment proposed that checks on unemployment benefit claims should be submitted to a parliamentary committee before taking effect.

For the first time since the bill was introduced, Mr Eyskens agreed the amendment should be referred to a parliamentary committee.

This morning the committee accepted it as a government motion and approved it with all the members voting in favour except the one Communist.

In the afternoon, the amendment was adopted in the House. —Reuter.

## First strike in Melbourne zoo's history

Melbourne, Jan. 11. Melbourne zoo keepers and gardeners went on strike today for the first time in the zoo's history.

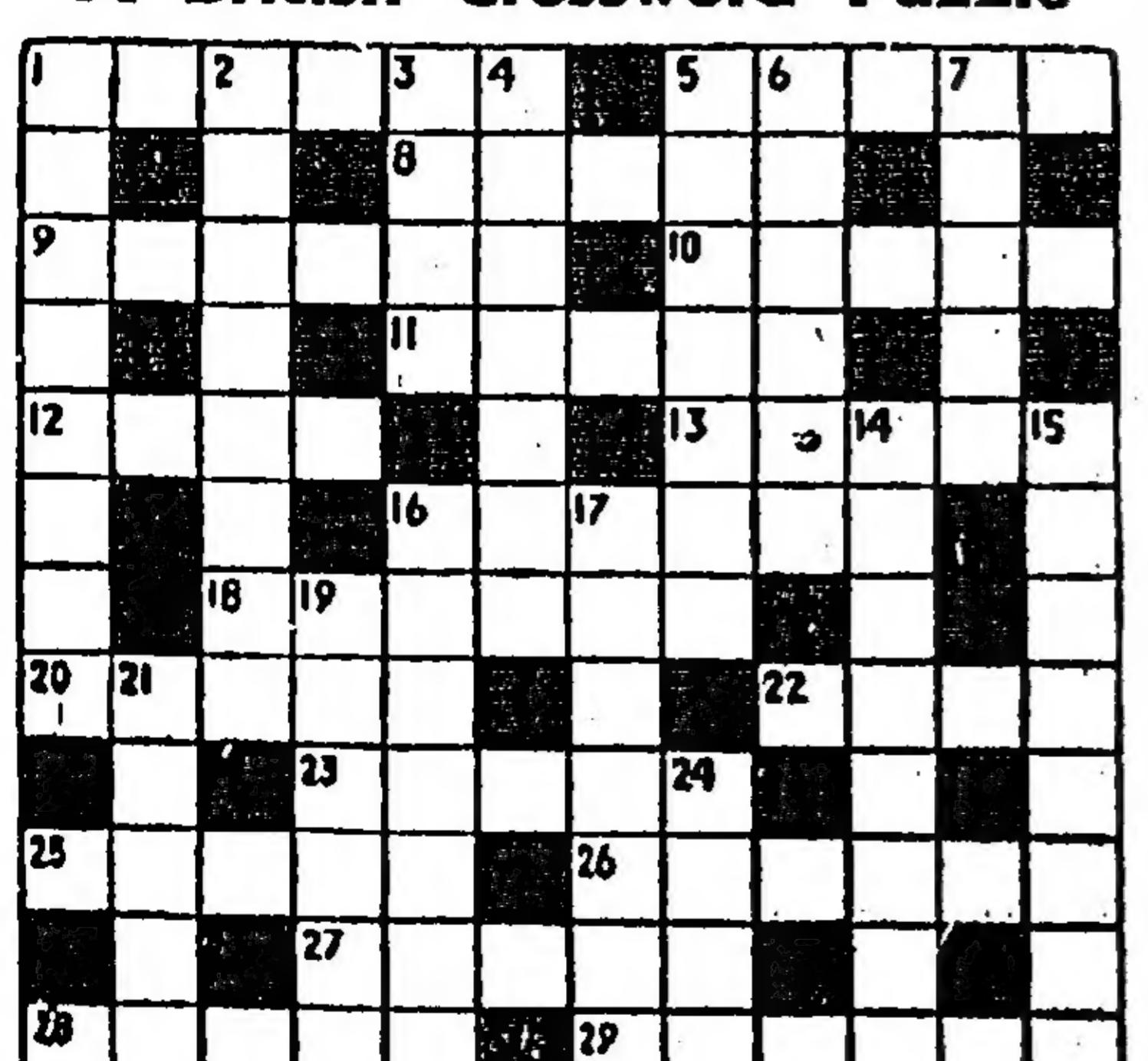
If the men do not return to work tomorrow the zoo may have to be closed down. It is now one of the zoo's busiest periods with tens of thousands of schoolchildren on southern hemisphere summer holidays.

## NON-UNIONISTS

Zoo director, Mr A. G. Whitlam, told reporters after the men went on strike this afternoon that if they did not return to work tomorrow morning the zoo might have to close.

The 73 Miscellaneous Workers' Union members struck. —China Mail Special.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**  
 1 Bend in the road (6).  
 5 Witch's specialty (5).  
 8 Female of the species (5).  
 9 Industrial washer (0).  
 10 Dances to jazz (0).  
 11 Primitive (5).  
 12 Field weed (4).  
 13 Unlicensed burl (5).  
 14 Go into retreat (0).  
 15 Brought to fever pitch? (6).  
 20 Domestic water holders (5).  
 22 Transatlantic state (4).  
 23 Poplar not necessarily in London (5).  
 25 All Italian musicians (6).  
 26 See that poster? (0).  
 27 For warming up hops? (6).  
 28 Make more attractive (6).  
 29 Has an inkling (6).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD** — Across: 3 Snug, 7 Onion, 8 Urdu, 9 Army, 10 Discus, 12 Shud, 15 Enter, 18 Dalt, 19 Oboe, 21 Sizle, 22 Avid, 23 Tonet, 26 Year, 28 Virtuous, 30 Oval, 31 Grip, 32 Frank, 33 Eyed, 34 Down, 1 Avail, 2 Corseal, 4 Nurse, 5 Guy, 6 Idle, 9 Asti, 11 Unlet, 12 Flood, 14 Dust, 18 Rover, 17 Ashy, 18 Date, 20 Dittern, 22 Anil, 24 Evide, 25 Taut, 27 Ery, 28 Rope.

## Criticism of Soviet 'figure jugglers'

Moscow, Jan. 11. Premier Nikita Khrushchev told the Communist Party's Central Committee today party ranks must be cleared of figure-jugglers and incapable officials if the Soviet Union was ever to solve its chronic agricultural problems.

He interrupted a report on agriculture to the committee by Russian Federation Premier Dmitri Polansky to proclaim that those trying to "hoodwink" the state by cheating on their production figures should be expelled from the party irrespective of the posts they occupy."

At another juncture, Mr Khrushchev again broke in on Mr Polansky to declare that Communist Party official who could not cope with tasks set for them should resign as a matter of personal dignity.

Mr Khrushchev said: "Once he has taken an obligation and failed, then write an application saying, 'Comrades, I've failed, and to be relieved and my post given to a more capable person.'

**CLOSED SESSION**  
 According to Izvestia's report on the closed plenum session, Mr Khrushchev cited as an example of the type of figure-juggling he objected to, the case of Communist officials who bought butter from stores and then delivered it to the state as part of their farm's production and delivery quota.

Mr Khrushchev's interjections apparently were the only indications of more serious criticisms of the nation's farm programme being levelled during the opening days of the session.

Mr Polansky's speech said Mr Khrushchev, in a letter to the Central Committee and in talks with first secretaries and premiers of the Soviet Union's 15 republics, had sharply exposed the "serious shortcomings in guidance of agriculture" and the existence of "too many basically incapable officials in agricultural posts". —UPI.

## FBI after synagogue bombers

Chicago, Jan. 11. U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation agents today stepped into the investigation of the bombing of a synagogue.

Major Richard Daley termed the blast a "shocking thing" and said he knew the Police Department will work to capture those who "desecrate houses of worship."

Police throughout the city were alerted to be on guard against similar incidents in other neighbourhoods.

The explosion occurred late on Tuesday night outside the basement entrance of the Anshe Emet Synagogue on the North Side.

**KNOCKED LOOSE**  
 The basement door and a inner door were knocked loose and about 100 windows in nearby buildings were shattered. James Gale, head of the FBI staff in Chicago, said his men sought evidence of any violation of Federal laws.

William Nudelman, executive director of the synagogue, said classes and services were continuing on schedule. But police searched the classrooms early in the day to make sure no explosives were hidden in any of them. —AP.

## Flying fishermen

London, Jan. 11. A conger eel 6ft. 11in. long and weighing 30lb. was caught by the crew of the *Felixstowe* RAF air-sea rescue helicopter with a boat-hook as they flew overhead. — London Express Service.

## Kennedy warned of U.S. lag in space race

Palm Beach, Jan. 11. The staff of President-elect John Kennedy today released a report in which a committee of experts warned Kennedy that "it is very unlikely that the United States will be first in placing a man into orbit around the earth."

The report urged that highest priority be given to development of powerful rockets, not only for space projects, but also in the military programme. It also recommended that funds for rocket projects be increased, but did not specify how much.

## PRESTIGE

The experts implicitly recognised that the Soviet Union was ahead of the U.S. in the space race. They stressed the progress made by Soviet scientists in the construction of powerful rockets capable of launching heavy space vessels — progress which they said was not matched by the U.S.

The team of experts prepared the report under the direction of Dr Jerome Wiesner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

They said the national prestige of the U.S. was at stake in the space race and recommended that American space research should be oriented toward the use of nuclear power as a means of propulsion for future rockets.

As for current projects the report said Project Mercury (designed to launch a man carrying capsule into space) was behind schedule.

It added that the Saturn project involving a combination of eight Atlas intercontinental missile engines was "so complex that there is real question whether it can be made to function reliably".

The "Saturn" project is scheduled to be completed in 1965. —AFP.

## LAOS SITUATION CRITICAL SAYS FRENCH ENVOY

Washington, Jan. 11. Mr Herve Alphand, the French Ambassador, held a 40-minute conference today with Mr Christian Hériter, the Secretary of State, on the Laos situation and said afterwards to reporters that the situation there was "very critical".

The Ambassador told reporters it was the common aim of the West that there should be no outside intervention in Laos, but he said the Western powers were still discussing methods of ensuring the Southeast Asian kingdom's independence.

Mr Alphand's call on Mr Hériter followed yesterday's conference between the Secretary of State and Mr Mikhail Menshikov, the Soviet Ambassador.

## Unofficial

The Soviet envoy was officially reported to have told Mr Hériter that his government still recognised as Premier Prince Souvanna Phouma, who fled to neighbouring Cambodia last month. The United States recognises the Government of Prince Boun Oum, the pro-Western Premier who recently received a vote of confidence from the Laos National Assembly.

Mr Alphand said that he and Mr Hériter had talked about Mr Menshikov's visit, but he did not go into details.

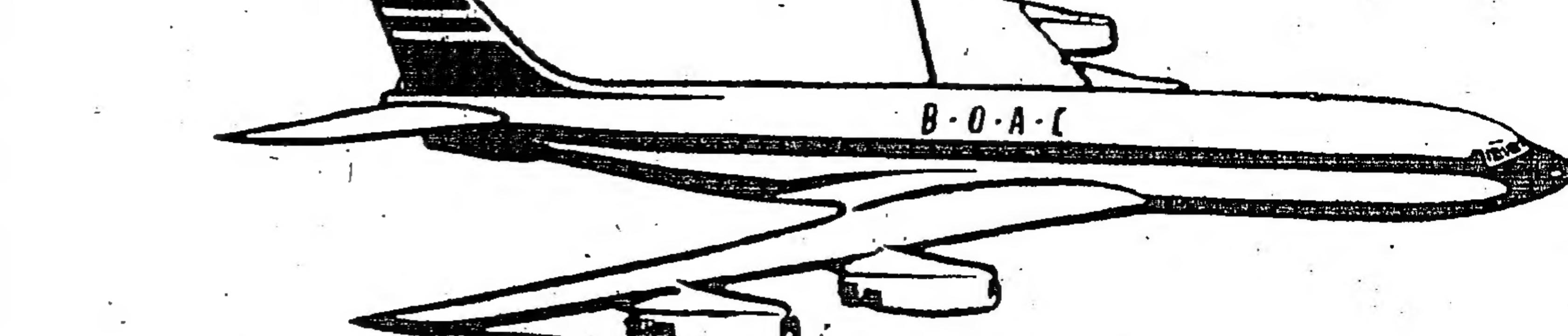
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Mr Alphand said that France had not accepted and he knew also that the United States had not accepted the invitation.

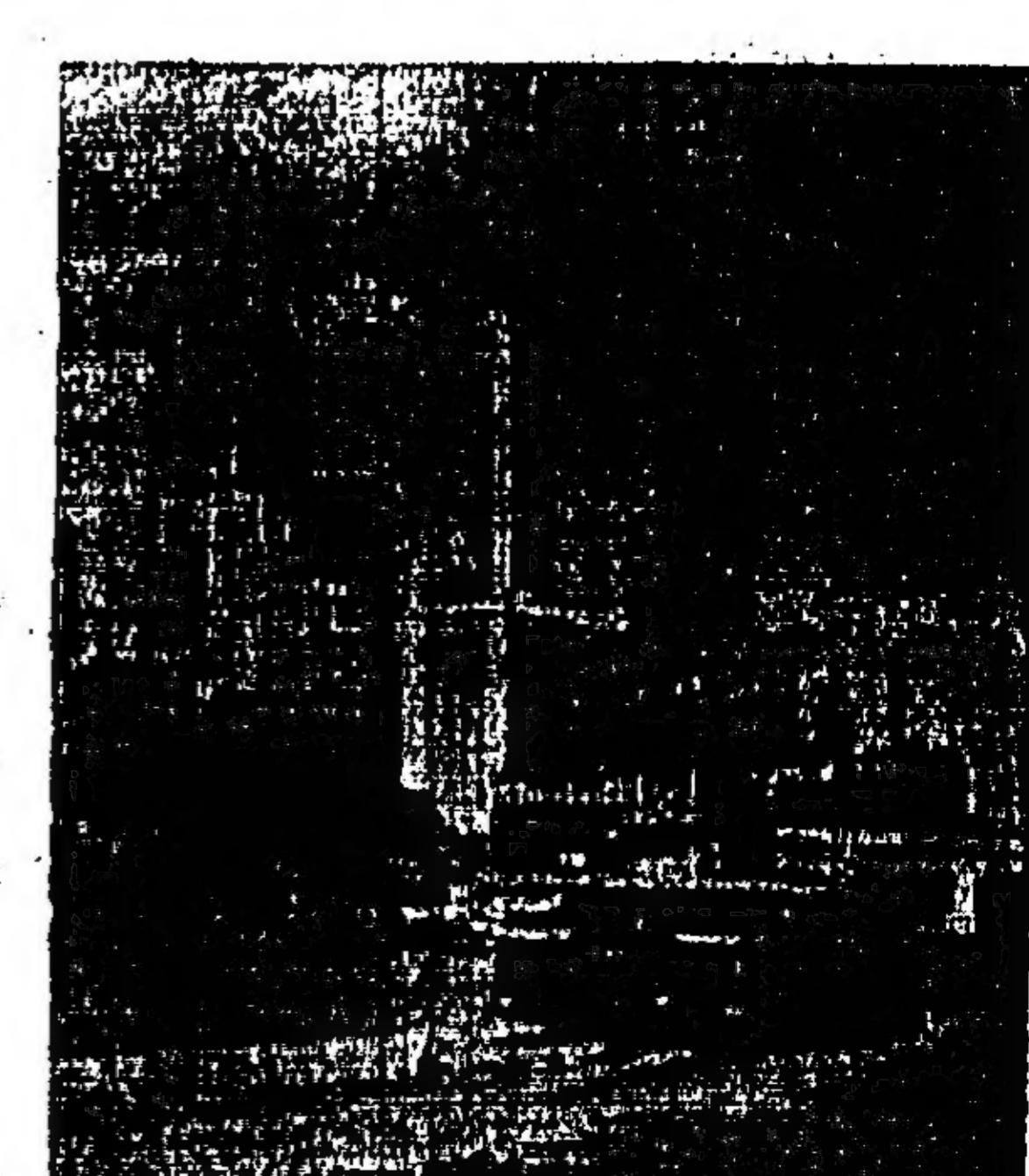
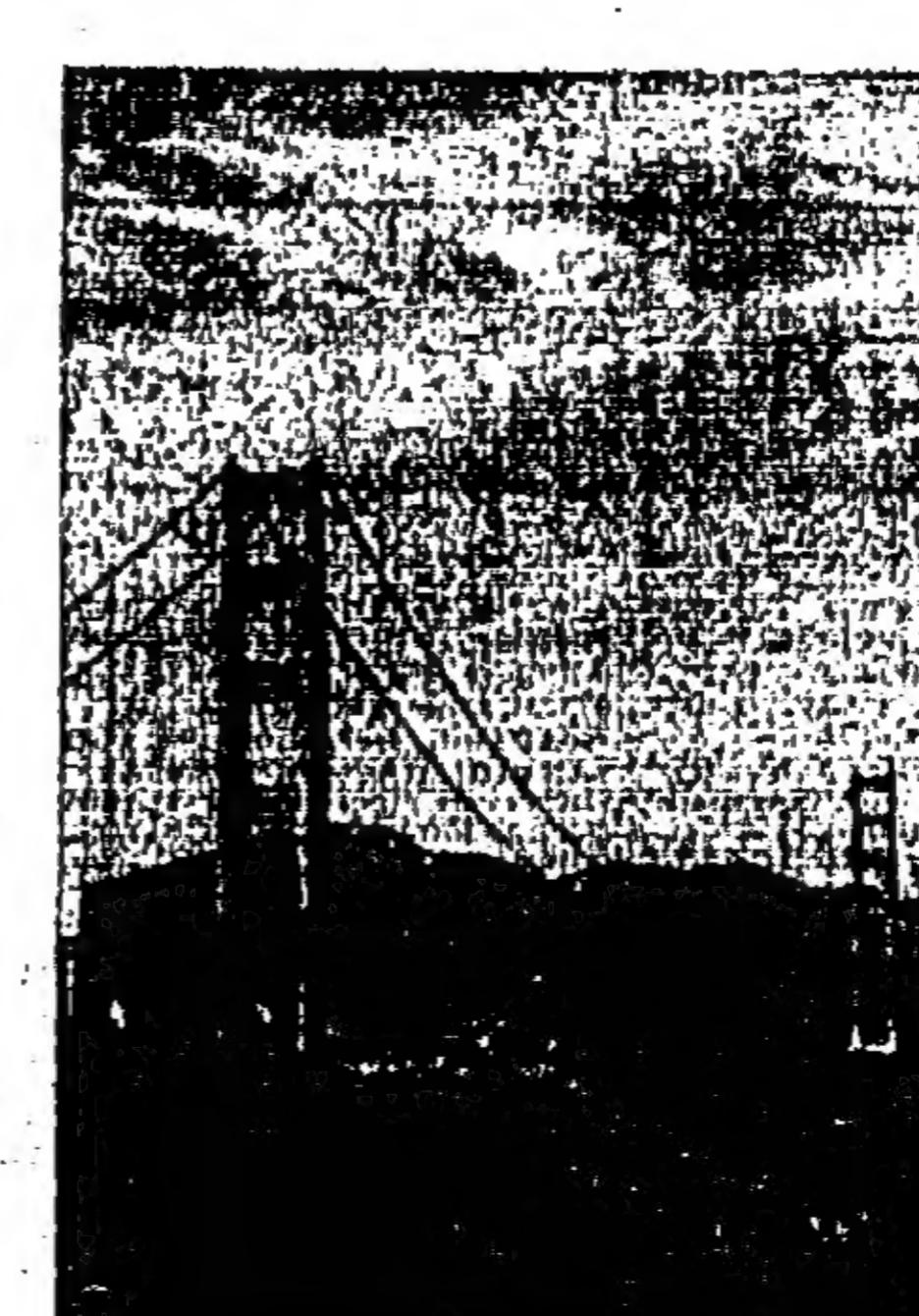
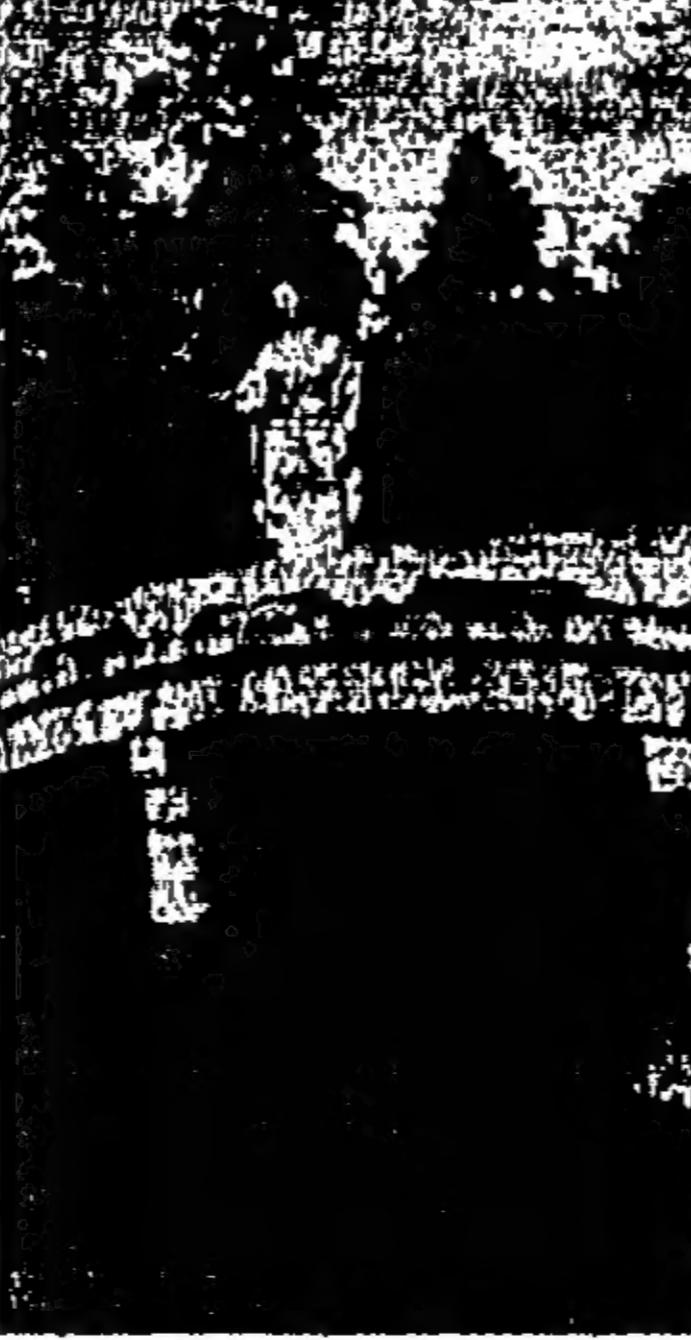
Later, however, a French Embassy spokesman amplified the Ambassador's remark by saying that, while France had not accepted the invitation, it also had not rejected it. He said the invitation was under study.

## Post Office grab

London, Jan. 11. A man vaulted over the counter of a sub-post office in Katherine-road, East Ham, London, and snatched nearly £50 from the till. Another raider kept guard, and they were both driven off by a third man. —London Express Service.



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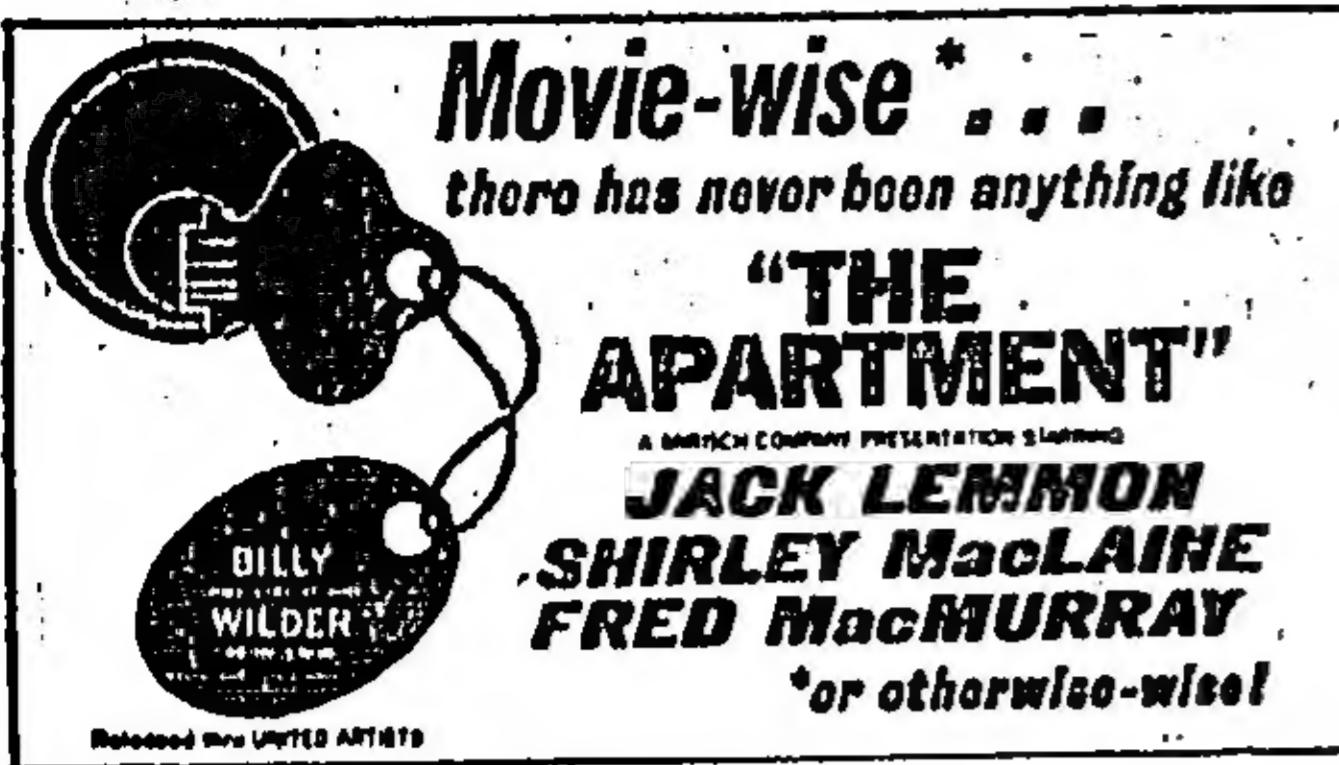
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TO BE RE-BURIED

London, Jan. 11. The bodies of between 5,000 and 6,000 German servicemen killed in the two World Wars are to be exhumed from British cemeteries and churchyards and placed in a new cemetery of their own, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission announced.

## GREAT

IRISH  
TREASURE  
TAKEN TO  
LONDON

London, Jan. 11. Five men with shabby suit-cases brought Ireland's greatest art treasure, the eighth century Book of Kells, from Dublin for exhibition at the Royal Academy in London from today.

The illuminated 128 page version of the Gospels—insured for £1 million for the journey—travelled under unusual security arrangements.

Daily Express columnist William Hickey said the five "guards" locked themselves in a compartment of the Irish mail train for the 12-hour train and steamer journey. Two of them were Irish detectives.

## Detectives

The party, led by Professor Herbert Parke, Librarian of Trinity College, Dublin, where the book is normally kept, were met at London's Euston Station by Scotland Yard detectives.

The book, which has been described as the most beautiful in the world, was carried in a case which looked like an old laundry box with rusty locks and a frayed leather strap.

Another great Celtic art treasure which will be exhibited alongside it here is the seventh century Book of Lindisfarne—another version of the Gospels also illuminated by monks over 1,000 years ago—China Mail Special.

## TASK FORCE

New York, Jan. 11. A US training task force steamed toward Puerto Rico today for eight weeks of marine amphibious war games.

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U.S. NAVY PLANE

CRASHES IN SEA

Tokyo, Jan. 12. The U.S. Navy said today a small single-seater naval attack plane crashed into the Pacific

# The ten-chip ticket to the land of dreams

by Clive Graham

Calcutta.  
THEY picked him up off the street, one of those broken-pavement alleyways within a 5-mile shot of Chowinghee. About time too.

He was stiff, and he had been dead, lying out there, for all of 48 hours.

Nothing unusual, really. There are hundreds of poor old men like him who make the Calcutta streets their resting-place.

Night comes, the warm East Indian night. They pull the folds of their cotton robes over their heads, place a scrap of sacking between hip-bone and pavement, and doze down with a ticket for dreamland.

These old geezers, who are mostly professional beggars, scratch themselves awake when dawn sends a chilly, foul-smelling blanket of smog over the city.

This one didn't stir. His ticket, you might say, had no return half.

But—strange. When the men picked him up they noticed that he did, in fact, hold a ticket clenched between forefinger and thumb. A tote ticket for No. 1, house in the sixth race at nearby Calcutta racetrack, which had staged its meeting two days previously.

## Paid off

Knowing that I had been to the races there, Aziz, my bazaar, asked whether the ticket was a winner.

"Big-money ticket. Ten chip, sahib," he reported.

It was a winner all right—King—even if it paid only six rupees to the 10-rupees stake. At that, 10 rupees, about 25p, must have represented a rather-sized sum to the old man.

But now did he come to have the ticket at all? That seemed almost impossible to figure out.

Most probably, I suppose, some slap-happy racegoer who had forgotten to cash it thrust it into his hand.

Or can you imagine that, after a lifetime of backsliding, he had scrimped together all his pinnings and savings and had bet the lot on this virtual certainty?

And then had he brought back this evidence of his fortune to crow over his fellow-delinquents, before cashing it next day at the tote office?

Anyway, it just goes to show that the punter's lot is a hard one, the world over.

## 'No momma'

A little later a small batfoot boy, about six years old, was standing on the spot where the old man had died, calling plaintively: "Me no momma, me no pappa, me no cat."

A passer-by fished in his pocket for a few coins.

"You be a bookmaker, son, when you grow up," he said.

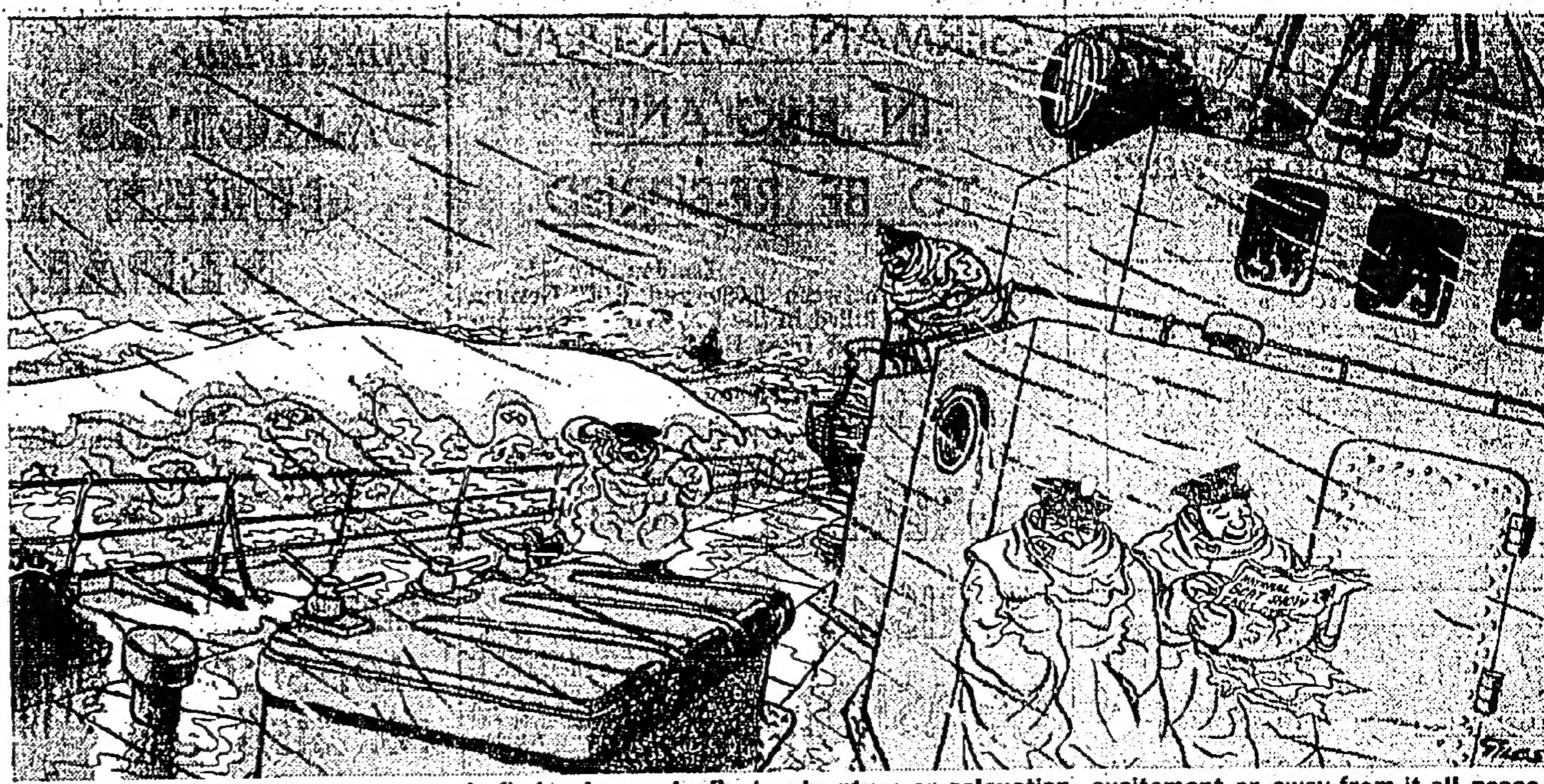
More correctly phrased, shouldn't "when" have been replaced by "if"? I reckon so.

(London Express Service).

## CARTOONS



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## A CRISIS IN LAOS: BUT LOOK TO THE LATINS FOR 1961's BIGGEST FLASHPOINT

# I believe that this will be Castro's year

BY PAUL JOHNSON

THE year 1960 will go down in history as "Africa Year"—with 17 new states emerging to independence, with crisis in Algeria and South Africa, and with the tragic pantomime of the Congo.

But now, I predict, the focus of world attention will shift across the southern Atlantic—to the great tropical forests of Brazil, Venezuela and Peru, to the high Andean plateaux, to the "Banana Republics" of the Panama Isthmus: 1961 will be Latin American Year.

For five centuries, Latin America has remained in the background of world history. Its influence on events has been largely accidental.

In the 18th century, the vast Spanish imports of gold from Mexico and Peru caused an inflationary spiral in Europe, thus forcing King Philip V to "nationalise" the monasteries—and so to detonate the Reformation in England.

## First slump

In the 1820's the collapse of the South American mining boom produced the first of the modern trade cycles—and introduced Europe to the meaning of the word "slump."

But apart from incidents such as these, the continent was merely a rich stamping ground for merchant adventurers. Latin Americans took part in both World Wars, they voted at the League of Nations and the UN, but they were little more than lobby-fodder.

Their armies were filibusters, their presidents puppets, their revolutions a sub-editor's joke.

## 'Genuine'

The downward trend in raw material prices over the last decade has slipped its income by more than £350 million a year.

Its depleted rural areas can no longer feed the swollen populations of its cities.

Many millions of its inhabitants see their standard of

living already miserably low, declining still further.

Into this slack of dynamite, Fidel Castro has cast a spark.

He is the first "genuine" revolution in Latin-American history—the equivalent of 1789 in Europe. In less than two years, he has smashed the old feudal army, dispossessed the propertied classes and seized virtually all the holdings of foreign capital.

All over the continent, his acts are viewed with fervent admiration by the great majority of the Latinos: university students, young army officers, the unemployed in the cities—the same group who created Nassau in the Middle East—regard him as a saviour.

His political philosophy—fidelismo—is the creed of illiterate pesos; his battle-cry—Cuba, Si! Yanqui, No!—is shouted in the streets 3,000 miles

away by men who do not even know where Cuba is.

For two years, Castro has been consolidating his position on the island. Now his agents are spreading through the continent. And they are preaching to the converted. Here is my line-up for 1961:

## Revolution

THE CARIBBEAN.—In the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Honduras there will be pro-Castro revolts.

VENEZUELA.—The pro-American government of President Bettencourt will be replaced by an army dictatorship, and this in turn will provoke a Castro-inspired revolution. An attempt will be made to nationalise the Venezuelan oil industry, the second largest in the world.

THE ARGENTINE.—The shaky democratic regime of President Frondizi will be swept away. There will be a violent struggle for power between two army groups. The Peronists will join hands with pro-Castro and

Communist elements, and try to



CASTRO—The fact that dominates a continent.

with military force, especially in the Caribbean.

In the UN, he will be strongly opposed by the new nations of Africa and Asia, who will join hands with Castro, in opposing "Yanqui imperialism."

And finally, Mr Macmillan, with the lessons of Suez in mind, will emerge as the peacemaker. And with a reason for Britain still has a £1,000 million stake in "the Continent of 1961."

(London Express Service).

## JUST FANCY THAT

**A**n unknown magician pulled off his biggest coup at LaGuardia Airport, New York, the other day when an official opened an unclaimed suitcase and saw powder and wires. Bomb squad police and G-men raced through a snowstorm—and found the case full of balloons, horns, feathers, and other magician's tricks.



**B**ites and bruises were the reward of Cairo policemen who tried recently to enforce a new law that walkers must keep to the pavements and women objected.

**T**hey say that the pavements ruin their heels and when policemen ordered them off the roads they bit, kicked, and scratched.

**O**ne policeman, Abdul Nabi, had six stitches put into face and hand wounds.

(London Express Service).

## SPOT-A-ROCKET RADAR IS BRITISH TRIUMPH

By PETER FAIRLEY

BRITISH scientists have achieved an important breakthrough in radar. They have successfully used a new technique to detect missiles at the moment of launching—thousands of miles away.

The new radar—code-named Project Madre—gives an accurate "fix" on a rocket seconds after blast-off. It is a big advance over the present Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, which can only pick up a rocket as it climbs above the horizon—some eight minutes after firing from Russia.

It is understood that in a series of long-range test flights launched in the U.S. were clearly detected.

## Over the horizon

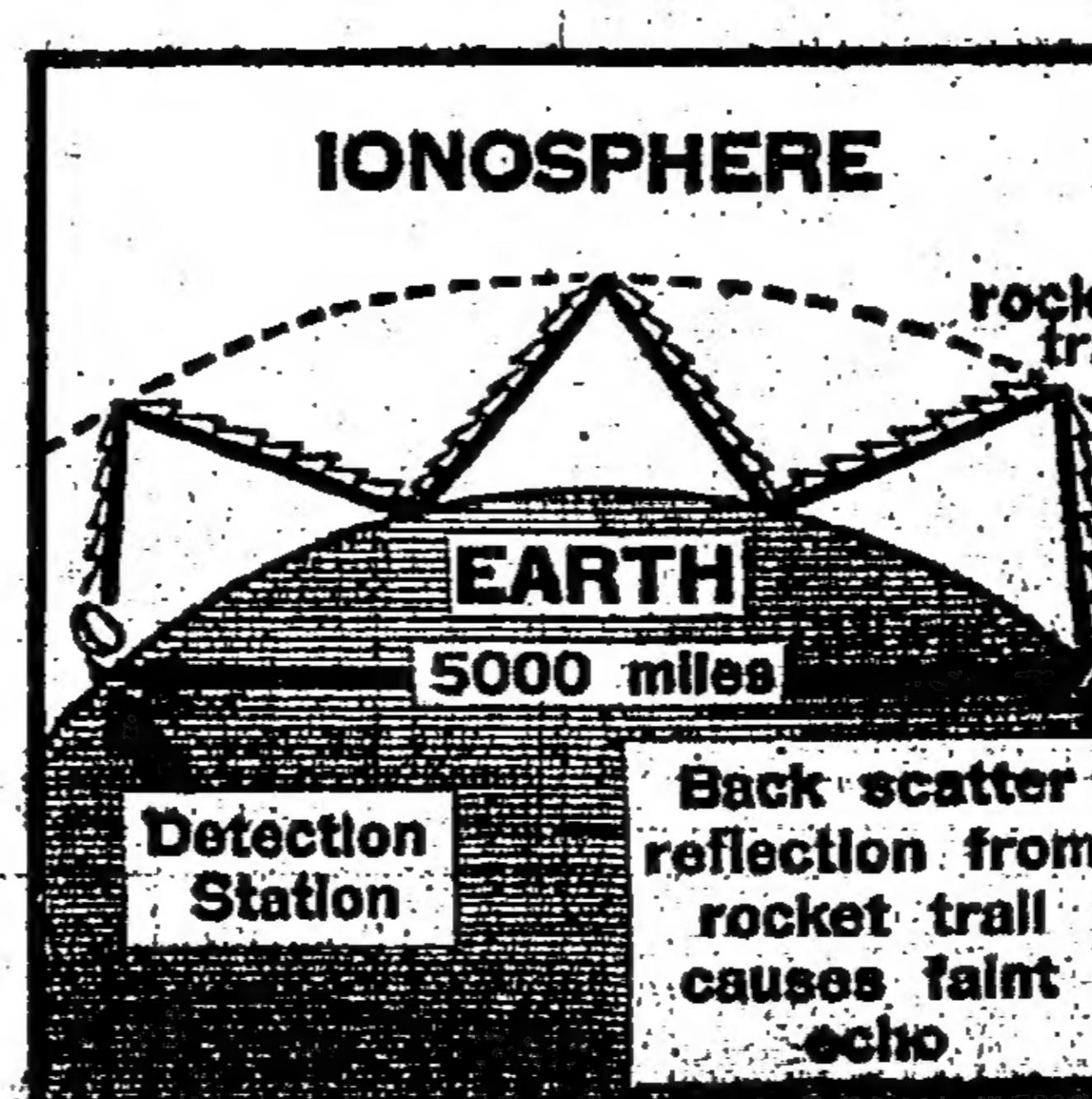
The breakthrough came as a result of close co-operation between a British team at the Royal Radar Establishment, Malvern, and U.S. Navy scientists, who supplied full details of their inclusion, experimental, "over-the-horizon" radar known as Tepee. At Walvern, a way of modifying Tepee was found which enabled scientists to detect a missile bearing a radar to render a misleading picture. It supplies the basic ingredients: a high-frequency system, which pulses along over the curve of the Earth.

This more ambitious project—designed to use this energy to trigger off the H-bomb warhead, or blow the missile violently out of control by interfering with its gyroscopic guidance—is still in its early stages. But it is proceeding with full Government backing.

## Definition

Clear definition in radar pictures only comes with high frequencies. So the British team tried using the Tepee beam as a "carrier" for high-frequency pulses—rather as human speech is superimposed on to a radio wave.

The pick-and-choose idea worked. The result is a radar which can rapidly read the "fuzz" of space and detect rocket trajectories.



This diagram shows how Britain's new radar works. The wavy line above the signal carries on the back of the Tepee beam. When it strikes a rocket trail, some energy is scattered back—appearing as a recognizable echo in the detection station.

Another advantage of anti-missile radars such as the U.S. Army's Nike-Zeus—now in the development stage—is that they can be used to detect other forms of aircraft. Madre will greatly improve the



ability of anti-missile radars to detect other forms of aircraft.

# WOMANSENSE

## FASHION NEWS

by Barbara Griggs

WHERE are the Golden Girls of 1961? Who are the highly paid models whose faces are destined to flash out at us triumphantly all of this year from every fashion picture in newspaper or magazine?

Twelve months ago there was a splendid crop coming on—several of them now in the 15-guinea-an-hour bracket and inclined to be prima-donna-ish.

This year?

Talk to the agencies and they're determinedly optimistic. "We have one splendid girl coming on," they enthuse. "Tall, skinny, enormous brown eyes, heaps of character, long hair."

"Booked-up? Well, not too terribly much at the moment—but we know the photographers will love her once they start using her."

Talk to the photographers themselves—and they're shades less optimistic. Where are the Golden Girls indeed?

Norman Parkinson for a start thinks that the situation in this country has never been worse—so much so that he hands out the air-fare to have model-girls flown in from America occasionally when pushed.

But, he supposes, resignedly, that it's like crops—some years are awful, others yield a bumper harvest.

John Donaldson is not merely pessimistic, but highly critical as well: "The trouble with modelling in this country is the sheer lack of professionalism. Girls rarely turn up on time, don't bring a choice of cosmetics and shoes, never think of getting to the job early to make up correctly."

But the truth is that, like all the minor arts related to fashion, photography is in the highly personal affair.

Almost all couturiers have their favourite mannequin—like Dior's cheeky off-beat Victoria—or a favourite client—like Givenchy's Audrey Hepburn—who inspire them to their peak of creative inspiration.

### In tune

In the same way a fashion photographer may discover one model who epitomises his own personal idea of what he wants on his camera, with whom he establishes at once some sort of photographic affinity.

And if for some photographers the outlook is black, for others it is rich in promise and fresh material.

For John Cole, his 1961 discovery is 22-year-old STELLA GROVE, a tall blonde with a singularly expressive mouth and a wide-eyed sensitivity that converts to cheekiness at the drop of a shutter.

A relative newcomer to the modelling business, she tried five times early last year to burst in on John, was finally booked by him as a last resort and extra model for an advertising shot—and turned out so marvellous he has been using her as often as possible ever since.

She is an Eliza Doolittle model. Shots from a single session show a range all the way from perky sparrow to lady grande dame.

### Despair!

For Norman Eales, it's a young, young model JEAN SHIRIMPTON—tall, vital skin, "I'm sure she'll go straight to America and marry an industrialist," says Norman despairingly.

Girls who didn't have to bother overmuch with keeping her feet wedged in the door in 1960—and is all set for a sprint to the top in 1961—is 22-year-old MARIE-LISE GREY (French, but no relation to the couturier) whose looks have a

### ARTIE...



"I must remember to... Nineteen Sixty One... I must remember to... Nineteen Sixty One..."

London Express Service

### Rave from Morocco...

PARIS fashion is never anything except essentially French. But sometimes it catches a cross-wind from another age, another way of life, another part of the world.

Like Lanvin-Castillo's Renais-sance dresses or Givenchy's mondaine evening cloaks, or Dior's straight evening dresses (designed after a long holiday in Japan) or Yves St Laurent's dreaming 19th century creations.

So, for what the Jews is worth, I record with considerable anticipation that J. F. Cachay, brilliant young designer for Nina Ricci, spent a long, long holiday in Morocco, accompanied by his chief assistant designer, and returned raving about Moroccan light and colour and peasant clothes, before he settled down to work at the Spring collection we shall know all about by the end of this month...

Indian summer...

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This summer it is highly likely to be Madras, the soft checked

### Eyeline artistry...

A NEW toy for those who like having fun at the dressing-table: it's a propelling self-sharpening eyeliner pencil of a pleasantly soft smooth texture.

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(London Express Service)



STELLA GROVE: an Eliza Doolittle repertoire



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A campus-girl classic for years, it is standard holiday wear in Jamaica and Bermuda because it is cheap and because it stands up to strong sunlight.

Last year the only dresses I saw over here were an American import. This year, several British wholesalers have latched on to it in a big way.

The most ko-ahead Paris wholesale house is using almost nothing else for its summer collection; and down in St Tropez Mme. Vachon (who does not like being called the Dior of the Côte d'Azur, but that is roughly what she is) is reputed to be toying with the idea.

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## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Ting-a-Ling's Worried

—He's Afraid He'll Be Mised If He Goes Amny

By MAX TRELL

DEEP DOWN at the bottom of the Blue China Plate, Knarf and Handi the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, saw the tiny figure waving to them in the pleasantest and most inviting manner.

Knarf and Handi instantly recognised their old friend, Ting-a-Ling, who lived at the bottom of the plate.

"He wants us to come down,"

Knarf said to his sister.

#### Proper size

"I wonder why," said Handi. After making themselves the proper size (about as small as a pin), Knarf and Handi slid down the side of the plate.

A few minutes later they were standing at the door of Ting-a-Ling's house.

"Come in," said Ting-a-Ling.

Now you mustn't be surprised that anyone should be able to live at the bottom of a plate. For this was an unusual plate.

If you looked down into it,

you could see hills, and a lake

that winked like a silver eye in

the sun, and old bent trees, and Birds with outstretched wings flying in a blue sky, and Ting-a-Ling's house.

Ting-a-Ling's house was set

on top of one of the hills overlooking the lake.

#### Sat down, too

Handi still kept wondering why Ting-a-Ling had waved to them to come down to see him. She was quite sure that this was not an ordinary visit.

Knarf and Handi sat down on

cushions on the floor. Ting-a-Ling brought them tea in tiny cups and sweet wafers to nibble on.

Ting-a-Ling himself sat down

on a cushion and slipped tea and

Finally he said, smiling:

"I suppose you are wondering

what I asked you to come down here and see me."

Knarf and Handi replied that

they were wondering—little.

"It's to ask you a question

and get your answer," Ting-a-Ling said.

Knarf and Handi nodded and

waited for the question.



Ting-a-Ling served tea and wafers to the Shadows.

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"Do you think?" Ting-a-Ling said, and though he smiled, he seemed a little hesitant and uneasy.

"That I could go away for a day or two? Do you think anyone in this big house where we all live would mind?"

The Blue China Plate stood on the table in the dining room of the big house.

Every day, and sometimes

many times a day, the folks who lived in the big house looked down into the Blue China Plate to admire and enjoy the hills, the lake that looked like a silver eye in the sun, the old bent trees and the Birds in the blue sky.

### They'd miss him

"And above all at my house," said Ting-a-Ling. "I'm quite sure they'd know I was gone," he added.

Ting-a-Ling said that the reason he wanted so much to go away for a day or two was because he just received news that a very old and a very dear friend of his, named Sing-Song, was not feeling well.

"I'd like to cheer Sing-Song up by sitting with him in his garden," said Ting-a-Ling.

"Does Sing-Song have a garden, too?" Knarf asked.

Ting-a-Ling smiled and nodded.

### Just like his

# FA CUP SHOCK RESULT

## Champion Wolves lose to lowly placed Huddersfield

London, Jan. 11. The mighty Wolverhampton Wanderers were knocked out of the English FA Cup tonight by Huddersfield Town, whose present League position is near the bottom of the Second Division. At Monday's call-over, Wolves were nine to one third favourites to win the Cup, and Huddersfield were in the "100 to one and upwards" group.

Huddersfield fully deserved their 2-1 win in the third round replay tonight. Their defenders gave nothing away, and their forwards were off to a flying start when Derek Stokes headed a goal after three minutes.

Stokes missed a penalty in the first half, and from another penalty-kick Jim Murray equalised for Wolves a minute before half-time. But Huddersfield clinched the match after 76 minutes with a second goal, scored by teen-age winger O'Grady.

In the next round Huddersfield are home to Barnsley who

Pender hasn't  
a chance says  
Terry Downes

Boston, Jan. 11. Paul Pender, the world middleweight champion, and Terry Downes, the British challenger, both wound up training today for their world championship fight here on Saturday, January 14.

Downes, who is British champion, is planning a victory party to follow the fight. He said: "Why shouldn't we plan for it? Pender hasn't got a chance. I'll catch him in the tenth—that's where the excitement is going to come."

Downes continued: "The money I am making is little enough. I have so many expenses that I'll be lucky if I break even but I'm going to win the championship."

Pender, currently an 8-5 favourite for the fight, when told about Downes' plans for a victory, said: "Now that's what I call being a sport. Boy, the British are great, imagine throwing a victory party for me!"—Reuter.

ANOTHER U.S.  
DAVIS CUPPER  
MAY BE  
SUSPENDED

San Francisco, Jan. 11. The San Francisco Examiner says 19-year-old tennis star Dennis Ralston very likely faces suspension from the United States Lawn Tennis Association for temper displays. Ralston's case will be taken up behind closed doors at the USLTA's Executive Committee meeting in New Orleans on Feb. 3, the newspaper said today.

Ralston was team-mate of Charra McKinley, 20, of St. Louis, Missouri, on the recent Davis Cup trip to Australia. McKinley was suspended in Perth because of a racket throwing incident.

The Examiner said that Davis Cup Captain Davis, Fred and USLTA President Victor Denny are reportedly pressuring for Ralston's suspension.—AP.

## THE GAMBOLS



## SOBERS OUT FOR NINE



All eyes on Bobby Simpson as he juggles the ball. He held it—and Ritchie Benaud has Garfield Sobers out for nine in the West Indies' first innings during the second Test match at Melbourne last week. Simpson was also the fielder who caught out Sobers for nought in the second innings—this time off Martin.

Results of today's FA Cup third round replays were:

Wolverhampton	3	Reading	1
Huddersfield	2	Wolves	1
Blackburn	3	Chesterfield	0
Northwich C.	1	York C.	0
Shrewsbury	2	Aldershot	2
Stoke	1	West Ham	0
Manchester C.	0	Cardiff	0

—Reuter.

## Interport practices again the main highlights of hockey weekend

By NUMPERE

Interest in Men's Hockey this weekend is again focussed on practice matches for the coming Interport series with Macao.

The Hongkong Interport XI meet Macaensis 'A' at Sookunpoo at 3.30 pm on Sunday and the Interport 'B' XI meet a combined Nav Bharat-IRC XI on the same ground at 2 pm.

With Ryan (RAF) and Alomca (Recreo) not being available (Recreo) not being available the Interport XI will be the same as that in the practice match on January 2. The following teams have been chosen:

### Interport XI

Kadir (Prisons); Pettyfer and Oliphant (Army); Valsoma (Maenensis); Bowell (Army) and Silva (Recreo); J. Collaco (Recreo), O. K. Dallah (IRC), Narbu Lame (Army), Gardner (Nav Bharat), and Guterres (Recreo).

Reserves: Y. Khan (Nav Bharat), Pedroso (Recreo), and Holmes (Army).

### Interport 'B' XI

Rahim (Nav Bharat), Bell (KCC) and Pannu (Nav Bharat); Leach (Army), Harris (Army) and Macaulay (HKHIC); Gabriel Limbu (Army), Humphrey (Army), Hussain (Prisons), Raayen (Dutch) and Utami Singh (Nav Bharat).

Reserves: Gahfoor (HKHIC), Nash (RAF) and Gilmore (Army).

### Saturday

#### Ladies' League

KCC vs KGV 'B' at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: A Van den Shul, J. Marcel.

Recreo vs Gremlins 'B' at King's Park, 4 pm. Umpires: F. Soares, J. Marcel.

Victorians vs Gremlins 'A' at Happy Valley, 2.30 pm. Umpires: H. C. W. Crebas, F. Van Dongen.

St. Georges vs KGV 'A' at Happy Valley, 4 pm. Umpires: M. Caswell, B. Mait.

### Sunday

#### Interport practices

Hongkong Interport 'B' XI vs Combined Nav Bharat-IRC at Sookunpoo, 2 pm.

Hongkong Interport XI vs Macaensis at Sookunpoo, 3.30 pm.

#### Men's League

First Division

IRC 'A' vs Recreos 'B' at Sookunpoo, 11.30 am. Umpires: J. Howe, K. Lall.

## Boxer dies after a bout

Wheeling, Jan. 11. A United States 18-year-old middleweight boxer died here in West Virginia during the night a few hours after a professional bout.

Sherman Walker who has just turned professional had been sent to the canvas by his opponent John Carmichael before the referee stopped the scheduled three round bout in the second round. With blood streaming from his nose Walker collapsed after being taken to his corner. He died four hours later without regaining consciousness.—AFP.

### League table

#### Ladies' League

TODAY

Badminton

Junior Mixed Doubles: KCC v

Little's "C" Doubles: Chung

Cheung v India Club, St Stephen's v LNC.

Bisley

Colony Bisley at San Wai range,

Fanling. —Golf

Entries close for the Latimer Cup (Ladies' Section).

## Sports Diary

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### EMBARRASSING SPECTACLE OF TURPIN IN A WRESTLING RING

Paisley, Jan. 11. Randy Turpin, onetime middle-weight boxing champion of the world, came out of retirement tonight and fought a wrestler at an ice rink.

The strange spectacle embarrassed fans who remember how the once-proud Turpin took the world title from Sugar Ray Robinson in London 10 years ago.

No holds were barred in Turpin's comeback after 18

## Midlands clubs also reject soccer peace proposals

London, Jan. 11. Following Tuesday's example of their Southern colleagues the Midlands clubs today rejected the Football League's latest proposals to avert the British footballers' strike set for January 21.

At their meeting in Birmingham, 19 Midland clubs authorised their "Trade Union", the Professional Footballers Association to take all the steps it judged necessary. This means that the strike is still set for January 21.

The Wolverhampton, Shrewsbury, Notts County and Northampton Clubs were not represented at the meeting. The North of England players' representatives meet tomorrow at Manchester.

Once the Professional Footballers Association has been informed of the Northern vote it will contact the Ministry of Labour before taking its decision on the strike.

of his contract by not signing or not getting any wages.

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Sangster was shown on the Australian tour he had one of the best services in amateur tennis today and is being freely tipped as Britain's best prospect since Fred Perry.

He is a sound volleyer and enacts well and his backhand return of service in his quarter-final singles yesterday against South Australian Barry Phillips-Moore, gave him many winners.

Sangster's major fault in Australia has been his judgment. He has lost a lot of points by missing good tough balls to go by thinking they will go over the baseline.—China Mail Special.

Club membership at the main track here, for instance, costs an average of £550 per race throughout Malaya and better than £1,000 at Singapore—this such a high level, with prices ridiculously low for visitors to the super-comfortable accommodation.

Adelaide, Jan. 11. British tennis player Mike Sangster is expected to reach his first major tennis final in Australia here tomorrow, when he got through his singles quarter-final round today in the South Australian Championships.

## CLIVE GRAHAM IN MALAYA

## It's racing de luxe for 2s. 6d.!

Singapore. One way and another, they have some crafty notions in these racing centres East of Suez.

That is why the stake money average, £550 per race throughout Malaya and better than £1,000 at Singapore—this such a high level, with prices ridiculously low for visitors to the super-comfortable accommodation.

Club membership at the main track here, for instance, costs an average of 2s. 6d. a day for 23 days' racing.

Six lifts take spectators to the higher tiers of the stands, from where they can watch in arm-chair leisure.

### Daily sweep

Total-only betting and more important, a daily sweep, are the fairy godmothers responsible for welding this particular wane.

Unfortunately, racing in Singapore now has a respite. For actual experience of the game out here I had to reconcile myself to a call at 5.30 on Christmas morning, to be up and out at the airport for the 7 am, 420-mile flight to Penang.

On the DC3 I fell in with a 50-year-old Frenchman, Claude Guinet, also Penang-bound. The green and red colours of his nom-de-course, the Vent Vici stable, are raced by 50 horses, mostly from England and Ireland.

Lunching blissfully some hours later at our hotel, looking out at the mother-of-pearl waters of the bay over a vase containing two dozen orchids, Claude outlined his prospects. From his seven runners he would have three winners for sure.

Penang racecourse, for all the many, replete beauties of its blossoms and flowering trees—mimosas, frangipani, jacarandas, and tulip—proved as jolly to its devotees, however, as a wet day at Plumpton.

Line Shooter's half-brother, Little Wood (by Big Game), won all right, but the other two found the turf too firm.

Australian jockeys swept the card, although Garret Bougoure, the only familiar name on the number-board, could not find a place among the winners.

### All tested

Bob Norton, the stipendiary steward, guided me round to watch the racecourse before March 10 and the names of the riders must be forwarded before June 15.—AFP.

A spot check of these swabs is made in the nearby laboratory. Working with one assistant, he handled, tested, and passed 12 horses in as many minutes. (Any horse whose saliva gives a positive reaction is barred from racing.)

The "off" hero is effected from Wood starting stalls, named after their New Zealand inventor, constructed of light alloy, and operated by a trigger mechanism.

Swabs for these and other safeguards and amenities come from the daily sweep, held invariably on the last race, a handicap.

The club takes 10 per cent and the owners' stake fund 10 per cent. An owner of an unplaced runner, for instance, draws nearly £60 to help soften the blow.

"They wouldn't believe this at home," said English jockey D. L. ("Davy") Jones as we made our farewells before rushing out to catch the evening plane back.

London Express Service.

## Mike Sangster in South Australia tennis semi-finals

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Humiliating defeat for Georges Carpenter began with a savage punch from "The Fighting Ape..."

## Jeers—then the wild man went berserk

By ALAN HOBY

**He sprawled, a macabre and sinister figure, face downwards in the gutter. It was four o'clock on a raw December morning and dawn had not yet broken over the Hudson River when James J. Meehan, a New York policeman, found the body lying in a puddle of blood.**

The man, a massive-shouldered Negro, had been shot through the middle of his broad back.

Gaping through the gaudy check of his jacket were two blackened holes. A few yards away a revolver lay on the deserted sidewalk. Two shots had been fired from it.

Petroleum. Meehan shrugged. Drunks, deadbeats, dead men— to them they were no more than routine business.

### IT WAS SIKI

For this was Ninth Avenue and West 41st street . . . this was "Hell's Kitchen," one of the toughest sections of the city where crooks, bootleggers, and the worst scum of the underworld feuded and fought and killed, and where anything could happen. Meehan turned the body over and whistled.

Staring up at him was a face he recognized . . . a thick-lipped face which glistened like oiled ebony . . . a squat-nosed, simian face which had been plastered over the newspapers of the underworld.

For the man whose life was ebbing away on that freezing morning of December 15, 1925—he died in hospital less than an hour later—was Louis Siki Phai, notorious throughout New York as a hell-raiser and cop-hater, and famous throughout Europe and the U.S. as Battling Siki.

Battling Siki . . . Who would have thought, looking down on him as lay murdered with vicious thoroughness, that only three years before, this same inert hulk had been responsible for one of the biggest upsets in the whole gory saga of the ring?

It was on an autumn afternoon—Sunday, September 24, 1922—that Battling Siki, the primitive wild man from the West African bush, fought glorious Georges Carpenter for the light-heavyweight championship of the world.

As the Senegalese grinning, boing and waving his long rolling arms—entered into the ring at the Stade Velodrome Buffalo, Paris, he was greeted with derisive cheers from the huge crowd.

### BLEW KISSES

Still wearing that fixed, insatiable grin, Siki went to his corner; but it was noticeable, as he waited for the champion to appear, that the coloured challenger looked edgy and apprehensive.

Then another roar, delirious in its delight, swept the enormous open-air stadium.

Georges Carpenter, the demented, handsome, matinee idol Frenchman, whose name today occupies an all-time place among the glorified elite of boxing, was entering the ring.

Unconcerned, suave, smilingly confident, "Gorgeous Georges," clad in a silk dressing-gown, bowed to the men and blew kisses to the many exquisitely-gowned women who accompanied them.

"Vive Carpenter," they called out rapturously to the national hero who had stiffened England's Bomber, Billy Walker, and Joe Beckett in exactly 18 seconds and 73 seconds respectively.

"Vive Carpenter" that vivacious, volatile crowd shouted again, and their flat-haired, bearded, hairy, the fair-haired cavalier who, only the year before, had come within an ace of knocking out the world heavyweight champion, Jack Dempsey, in New York—a fight which, although it brought the Frenchman a fourth round KO, also earned him £20,000.

Yet, in less than half an hour the applause was to turn to boozing execration, the cheers to jeers.

In just under 25 minutes "The Orchid Man," as the Americans had labelled him, was to be carried unconscious from the ring.

He was to be taken, half-blinded, a human wreck, to a darkened room in his luxurious apartment on the Bowery.

And there, this dazzling ex-French Air Force pilot, who during the war had won the Distinguished Flying and Croix

Carpenter, who for all the criticism he had shown at the start might have been looking at some ties in a Champs Elysees shop window, tried belatedly to clinch.

Back-pedalling, sick and tired, he strove to get away, but he lacked the speed. He wasn't fit.

For "Gorgeous Georges" and the black-mopped Descamps had made the biggest miscalculation of their money-making partnership.

They had underestimated the sable-skinned Siki; had written him off as easy; a no-risk second-rater.

And now it was too late. Windmilling across the ring, arms and fists pumping like black pistons, Siki chopped and clubbed Carpenter's slim star features.

### MANAGER SOBS

Smirking, leerling, the African, with the brittle crowd incanting "Vive Siki," machine-gunned punches—many of them over-arm—to the white man's face and heart.

In the fourth round, with blood gushing from the champion's mouth and right eye, Descamps was semaphoring like a man demented.

In the fifth the little manager was slobbering uncontrollably at Carpenter, too proud and too game to give in, was gashed and smashed until he was a blinded wreck.

And then, in the sixth, the torture ended—as abruptly as it had begun.

Carpenter, defenceless, awaying like a leaf, was floored by a flogging right. The champion lurches into the rope, fell and scraped over Siki's leg.

Pandemonium. The crowd went crazy. Descamps—"I did!" he said later—screamed again and again: "He was tripped."

Then, with a fresh hubbub breaking out, the referee, M. Bernstein, flurried by the hysterical demands of the crowd to render a verdict, made the astonishing announcement that Siki had been disqualified.

A storm of hisses and boos exploded from the inflamed fans. Siki supporters swarmed into the ring. With vampires rising like a tempest, there was a screech of police whistles and a posse of gendarmes stormed into the stadium.

Meanwhile, the three judges, after a hurried consultation, awarded a spot by reversing the verdict, and a cheer rumbled into the sky. Battling Siki was the winner.

And afterwards? Georges Carpenter, despite fracturing both hands and the ravaging he received, recovered.

### ONE LONG RIOT

Today, at 60, he is still a strikingly good-looking, attractive man, a prosperous bar-owner and restaurateur.

But although he fought again, that Siki catastrophe killed Carpenter as a great boxer.

He was never quite the same.

And the creature they called, The Fighting Ape? His subsequent career was one long, lurid tale.

He strided in triumph along the boulevards in barbaryously seduced suits. He carried a chatelaine monkey on his shoulder and fired a brass-handled pistol in the air.

He kept a pet lion on a silver chain and dragged it into cafés, terrifying the patrons. Once he let the lion loose in a Montmartre dancehall and cleared the place.

He fought the police, thrashed waiters who refused to serve him, picked quarrels and was continuously and violently drunk.

A London promoter tried to match him with Joe Beckett but the Home Office would not allow Siki to enter the country.

Finally, flat broke, Battling Siki lost the title. On St. Patrick's Night, March 17, 1923,

—it was the time of the troubles—the Senegalese lost on points to Mike McGuire in Dublin.

Siki's sensational but foulish reign was over. Soon afterwards, unwanted in France, his public money squandered, he sailed for America where he soon gravitated in the seamiest hounds of Harlem.

Until that bleak morning shortly before Christmas 33 years ago when he crawled and crawled once too often—when gangsters' bullets mowed him down and left him, dying and alone, in a New York alley.

Another, haymaking night and Carpenter slumped on one-knee for a clutch of five. And that Siki went berserk.

## Club complete first round of Hexangular Tournament with unbeaten record

The Hongkong Football Club beat Garrison by 11 points (a goal, a try, and a penalty goal) to six (two penalty goals) at the Club Stadium last night to complete their first round fixtures in the Hexangular Tournament with an unbeaten record.

Last night's game was not a thrilling spectacle of open rugger served up by two sides throwing the ball about in a carefree manner. Rather it was a hard-fought battle between two sides who were quite evenly matched and were out to win, but not in such a manner as to make the odd mistake and so allow the other side to gain a decision.

Nevertheless we saw plenty of good, hard rugger and the occasional flash of brilliance, from such players as Wilson, Riddle and McTavish.

Both sets of forwards played hard, uncompromising rugger, and here the Club eventually won the game through their pack who played magnificently in the second half and were a solid base for their side's fine second-half rally.

and from the resultant twenty-five Club took the lead.

A high kick down the centre was misfled by MacDonald under his own posts. From the scrum, Hall picked up and launched himself over the line for a good try "between the sticks." Moore converted.

Moore missed another penalty from thirty yards, and Wilson was nearly over from the drop-out.

Back came Garrison and Moore used the touchline well to send them back.

Suddenly Wilson took off on a glorious run which carried him past five men before he surged past MacDonald into the corner for a lovely try. Moore from the touchline was unable to improve on the score.

**Best not enough**

With Club once more on the attack, the referee called "no-side" for the end of a very interesting game.

Garrison played well in this game but their best was just not good enough. They could not dominate their three lines and consequently their three did not get the chance to score.

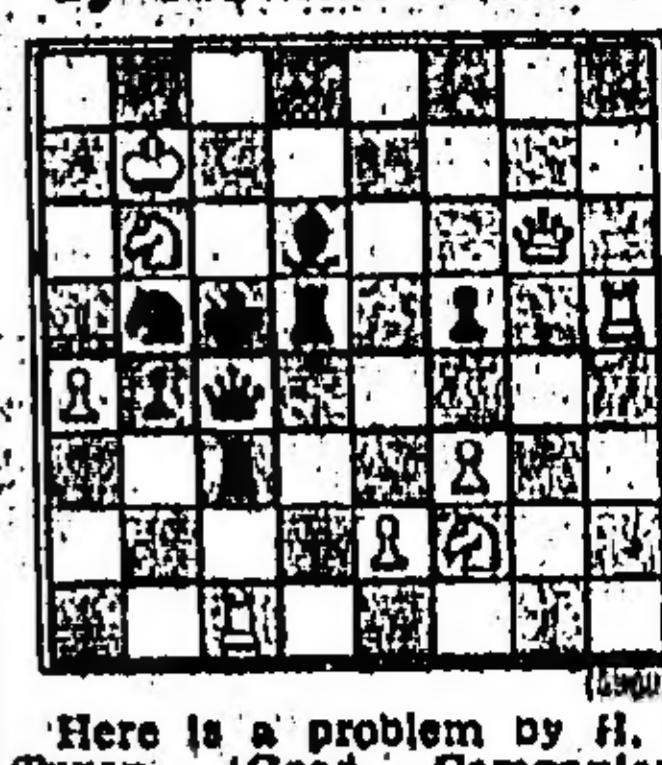
They were best served by Riddle who handled and directed very well. Martindale, who was a constant threat on the wing with his fast, fleet dashes, Hagan, Thompson and MacDonald. MacDonald was in better form tonight than he had been for some time, and in any case his form is only relative to his previous very fine displays this season. His duel with Moore worked out rather in favour of the Club full-back, although the latter was not so successful with his goal kicking.

Club stormed back to the attack and with the forwards beginning to put more fire into their play were back to the

for Club and a fine finish to the first part of the Hexangular Tournament, as far as they are concerned.

## CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by H. V. Tuxon (Good Companions, 1919). White to play and mate in two moves.

Solution No. 6959: 1 Q-B3 ch.

2 R-Q8 mate.

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## FINDLATER'S DRY FLY



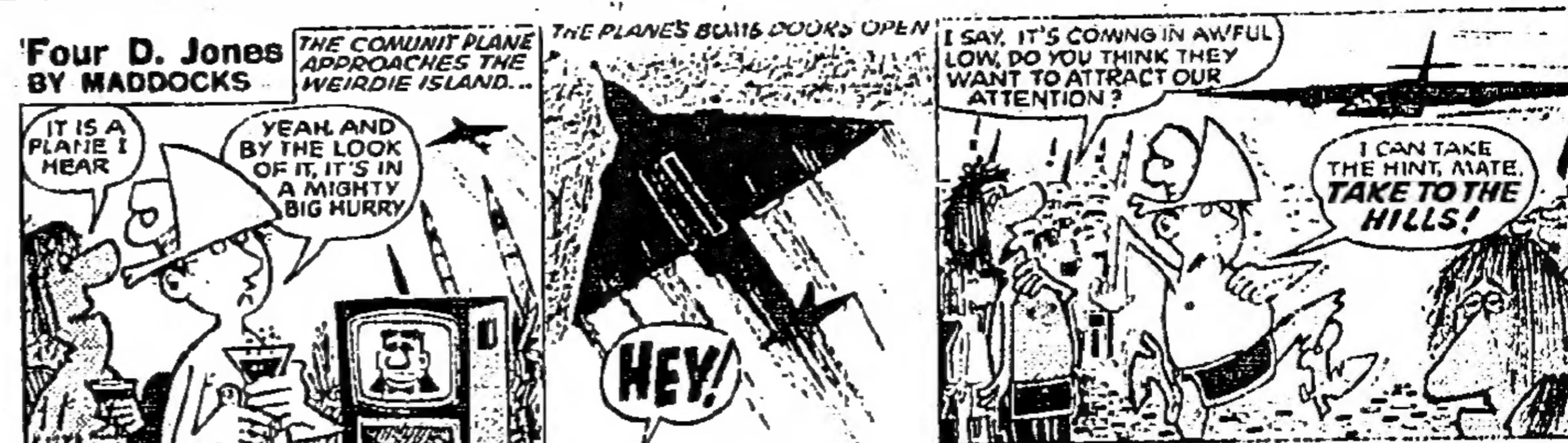
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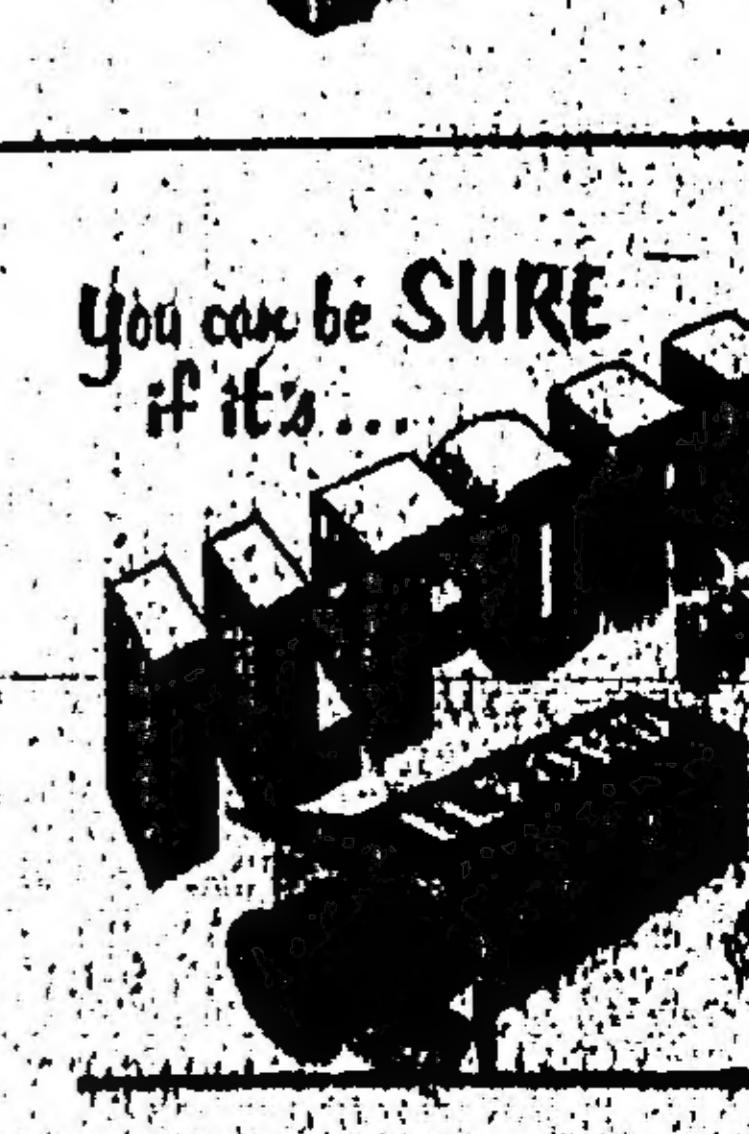
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## Crowds see 'Congo Star' diamond

"The Congo Star," a \$400,000 pink diamond of over ten carats, recently flown in from Africa, is now on show in the window of Sennet Frere's jewellery shop in the Gloucester Building.

Reputedly the most expensive diamond in the Far East, the pear-shaped stone is mounted in the centre of a cushion and is watched over by two uniformed security guards.

Pedestrians, three deep, gathered outside the window to get a glimpse of the precious diamond.

A similar stone was presented to the Queen as a wedding gift. The rose-coloured diamond has 57 facets.

### GOOD LUCK

Mined in the Congo, the diamond has the reputation of bringing good luck to its successive owners.

On show on the cushion also were a 60-carat sapphire worth \$200,000, a seven-and-a-half carat cabochon ruby with a cat's eye worth \$3,000, and a Siberian emerald.

Plain clothes detectives sent by the Police mingled with the crowds outside the shop.

### Tax claim

Los Angeles, Jan. 11. A tax claim for \$24,631 was filed today against actress Bette Davis and her former husband, actor Gary Merrill.

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service claims the two owe additional taxes for 1957 and 1958. Miss Davis and Merrill were divorced last July.—AP.

### PICTURES MAKE NEWS....

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## LANDLORD GRANTED LEAVE TO APPEAL

The Full Court this morning granted leave to a landlord to appeal against the judgment of a District Court judge.

The court also ordered that notice of motion be filed within 14 days.

The applicant was Mr Lee Bing-keung, who was represented by Mr. Brook Bernachi, QC, and Mr. A.

### CORRECTION

In a report on an appeal before the Full Court relating to an evasion case which appeared in yesterday's issue of the China Mail, the name of the appellant was incorrectly given as Mr. Lee Bing-keung.

The appellant was in fact Mr. Lok Pak-wai, who as stated in yesterday's report, was not represented by counsel or advised by solicitors.

Zimmerman, both instructed by Mr. J. N. Smart, of Messrs. Wilkinson Grist.

The applicant asks for an order to set aside an order by Judge A. A. Huggins and that an order for possession of 511 Shun Yen-road, second floor, be granted. Alternatively, he asks for a retrial of the case.

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Michael Hogan, and the Puisne Judge, Mr Justice A. D. Scholes.

## Local costs increase HK BREAKERS SCRAPPED FEWER SHIPS

Hongkong shipbreaking yards bought fewer ships for scrapping last year because of increased prices for old ships, competition from other breaking centres, and increased local costs of breaking.

This was stated today in a report on ship sale and purchase and chartering in Hongkong in 1960, prepared by Harley Mullien & Co. (Hongkong) Ltd.

The report said the tonnage scrapped was in the region of 400,000 gross tons, compared with about 500,000 gross tons in the previous year.

The figures included dry cargo ships, a large number of tankers, some passenger ships and some small second-hand coastal carriers.

**HK purchases** The report said Hongkong shipping interests bought 700,600 dwt tons of second hand ships for further trading. Most Hongkong buyers were mainly interested in acquiring "low capital" wet-bulb oil-burners and more than 30 ships of this type were purchased.

This was an increase over 1959 despite the fact that values were generally at a higher level than those prevailing last year, said the report.

"With a protracted summer recession in charter rates and a lack of paid employment, most Hongkong trading operations withdrew from the market during the latter part of the year," it said.

The report said there had been some increase of interest by local shipowners in new buildings and several contracts were placed during the year mostly with European and Japanese yards.

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### Optimistic

While the level of freight rates at the close of the year is below that obtained at the end of 1959, many experienced ship operators were optimistic in the long view as, with expanding economies in Asia and the East, given political stability, they consider that the demand for tonnage in these areas should increase.

The report closed on this note: "However, in view of the number of deep-sea tramp vessels now owned and operated in the Orient, Far Eastern owners should become more internationally minded and be prepared to charter their tonnage to other parts of the world when, as is bound to occur with freight cycles, there is a period of excess tonnage in the East."

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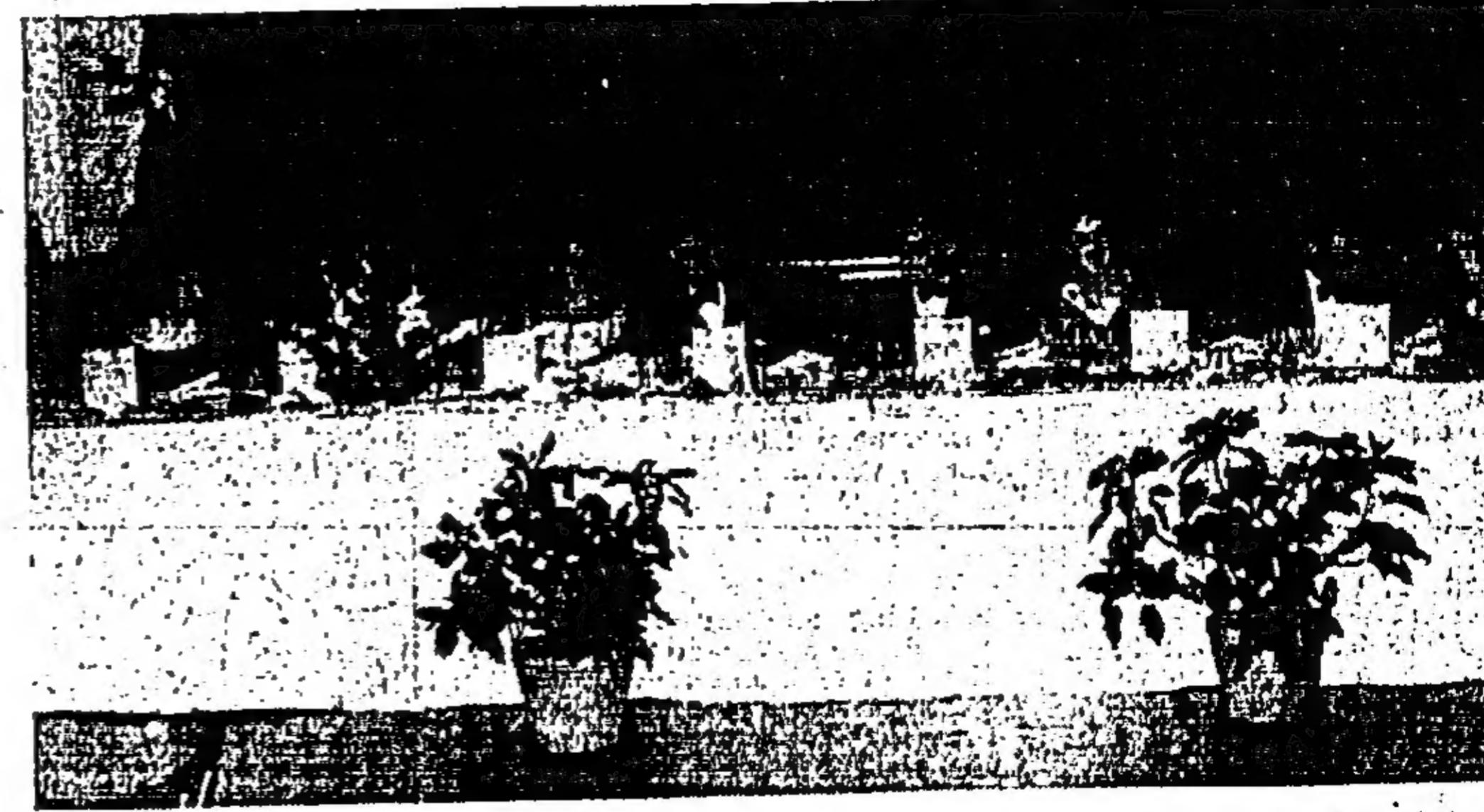
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## PICTORIAL PARADE



ABOVE: Mr G. L. Manual (left) of the Philippines trade mission, that visited the Colony recently, seen chatting with prominent Hongkong businessman, Mr U. Tat-choe.

RIGHT: A dinner was held at Lake Yew Hall by the University of Hongkong this week. Pictured (l-r) are Mrs A. M. Rodrigues, Lord Bridges, Mrs L. T. Ridge, Sir Robert Black, Dr L. T. Ridge, Lady Black and Dr A. M. Rodrigues.



## DRUG PEDLAR GETS THREE YEARS JAIL

Two men were sentenced to three years each for possession of dangerous drugs by Mr. T. L. Yang at Causeway Bay Court this morning.

Yiu Wah, 44, unemployed, living in a rooftop hut on 124 Gloucester-road, pleaded guilty.

Inspector S. Y. Lam said that at 11.50 am on January 10 at Li Chuk-street, Wan Chai, the defendant, a heroin pedlar, was over a site in Elgin-street which both men wanted to occupy.

The one who went to hospital was Yu Siu-kei. He stayed there six days.

After an argument Cheung struck Yu with a bowl.

Yiu got their first. Cheung claimed he had a prior right to it.

Upon revealing their identities the defendant admitted selling and possessing of heroin.

He had 12 previous similar convictions, the Inspector added.

### POLICE RAID

The other man convicted was Ng Chok-nang, 27, unemployed, of hut 490, No. 2 Section Chai Wan, who pleaded guilty to possession of 2.4 grams of heroin and 21 grams of barbiturone.

Inspector S. Y. Lam said that at 2.15 pm on January 10, a police search party raided room 478 "B" block, Chai Wan residential area and there they found a cigarette packet and plastic bag containing 30 packets of heroin and 21 grams of barbiturone.

Ng Chok-nang, of hut 490, No. 2 Section Chai Wan, pleaded guilty to stealing a pair of shoes worth \$60, a lady's Chinese style jacket worth \$30 and a jersey worth \$50 from three parked cars in the Central district between December 10 and January 7 this year.

**No love in Cuba, consul resigns**

San Francisco, Jan. 11. Cuban Consul in San Francisco, Francisco Paredes, resigned from his government's diplomatic service today because, he said, love is disappearing from his land.—UPI

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After 50 years the last meeting of the Hongkong Sanitary Board under that name was held yesterday. Reference to the happy relationship between Officials and the Unofficials in speeches made by Mr. W. J. Carrie, President of the Board and the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, representing the Unofficials.

FOLLOWING the appearance of tigers on the mainland, news now comes of the sighting off Repulse Bay on Friday evening of what appeared to be a small whale.

Capt. F. A. Swoffer, a resident of the Hotel was looking out of his window when about half a mile from the shore he noticed a disturbance on the water.

Watching closely, he saw a few minutes later a black object which appeared to be from eight to twelve feet long, moving about.

It then went down but later resurfaced and had an appearance somewhat similar to that of a porpoise although the movements were not those of such a creature.

It is likely that the visitor was a baby whale, said the Morning Post.

In the early days of the Colony, American whalers used to put into Hongkong but in consequence of the slaughter of whales in North Pacific waters they have become very scarce and a visit to these waters nowadays is a rarity.

In February 1868 a stray whale appeared in Hongkong harbour and was chased by the crews of amateur whalers, but it made good its escape to sea.

A marked increase in the quality and quantity of exhibits was a feature of the New Territories Agricultural Show at Shek Wu Hui, which was opened by Mr. Lawrence Kadouris on Saturday and continued yesterday when Mr. T. McGarry, District Officer North, distributed the prizes. There were almost 6,000 exhibits on view, bettering last year's total by one thousand and that of the previous year by 3,000.

